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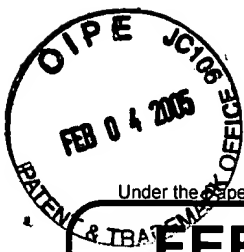
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Multiple Dependent	-6** =	X	

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1053 130	1053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1251 110	2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	
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1401 340	2401 170		Notice of Appeal	
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1403 300	2403 150		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,370	2453 685		Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,370	2501 685		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 490	2502 245		Design issue fee	
1503 660	2503 330		Plant issue fee	
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1810 790	2810 395		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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1802 900	1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:  
McBrearty et al. : Kianersi, Mitra

Serial No.: 09/903,930 : Group Art Unit: 2145

Filed: July 12, 2001 :  
: IBM Corporation

Title: ACTIVATING A VOLUME GROUP : Intellectual Property Law  
WITHOUT A QUORUM OF DISKS IN : 11400 Burnet Road  
THE VOLUME GROUP BEING ACTIVE : Austin, Texas 78758

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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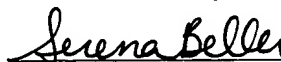
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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